

**REMARKS**

Applicants cancel claims 50, 53-54, and 95. Claims 1-42, 45-49, 51-52, and 55-94 had previously been canceled. Claims 43-44 remain pending in the application. Applicants amend claim 43 for further clarification, and refer to Figs. 33-56 and 806-807, and their corresponding description in the specification for exemplary embodiments of and support for the claimed invention. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for allegedly not showing every feature of the invention. Applicants amend claim 43 to further clarify the recitation of the claimed invention, all features of which are illustrated in the drawings. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Claims 43-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Again, Applicants amend claim 43 to further clarify the recitation of the claimed invention, which correspond to the exemplary embodiments described in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the § 112, ¶ 1 rejection.

Claims 43-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

The Examiner objected to the structural features recited in claim 43 for being unclear. Applicants refer to Figs. 33-34 and 806-807, and their corresponding description in the specification for exemplary embodiments of the claimed invention, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the § 112, ¶ 2 rejection.

Claims 43-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,303,236 to Kunimoto et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Kunimoto et al., as cited and relied upon by the Examiner, fail to disclose,

“[a] switch station, comprising:  
a switch exchanging an ATM cell;  
a memory storing control data to control operations of the switch station;  
an intra-station device, accommodating a subscriber line, performing a communication operation on a subscriber ATM cell that is transmitted to or received from the subscriber line;  
a control processor generating control information in a link access protocol (LAP) frame data format, which cannot be exchanged by said switch; and  
an interface unit converting the data format of the generated control information into a data format of the ATM cell to transmit the control information to the intra-station device through the switch, wherein  
the control information is communicated according to link access protocol,  
the intra-station device, upon receiving the control information from the control processor, transmits a direct memory access request to the interface unit to obtain control data stored in the memory,  
said interface unit obtains the control data from the memory according to the direct memory access request, and converts the data format of the control data into the data format of the ATM cell to transmit the control data to the intra-station device through the switch, and  
the intra-station device performs a communication operation on the subscriber ATM cell based on the control data received through the switch,” as recited in claim 43. (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 43, together with claim 44 dependent therefrom, is patentable over Kunimoto et al. for at least the foregoing reasons.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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